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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, SW
SUBJ: ALLEGED STATE RESTRICTION OF DEA

REF: STATE 083084

1. THIS EMBASSY MAINTAINS A CLOSE WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT DEA OFFICE IN COPENHAGEN. THIS RELATIONSHIP HAS BEEN A SMOOTH ONE WITHOUT INCIDENT OR DISAGREEMENT SINCE THE COPENHAGEN OFFICE OPENED SEVERAL YEARS AGO. THE ONLY RESTRICTION WHICH THIS EMBASSY HAS PLACED ON DEA REPRESENTATIVES IS THAT THEY KEEP THE EMBASSY AND APPROPRIATE SWEDISH AUTHORITIES FULLY INFORMED OF ALL OPERATIONS CONDUCTED IN SWEDEN OR HAVING TO DO WITH SWEDEN, AND THAT DEA EMPLOYEES ADHERE TO SWEDISH LAWS AND POLICE PRACTICES WHILE OPERATING IN THIS COUNTRY. DEA HAS BEEN IN FULL ACCORD WITH THESE PROVISOS AND HAS DONE AN EXCELLENT JOB IN MAINTAINING A FRICTIONLESS RELATIONSHIP WITH BOTH THE EMBASSY AND THE SWEDES.

2. THE EMBASSY HAS SUPPORTED DEA OPERATIONS IN SWEDEN, BOTH ON A POLICY LEVEL AND THROUGH DAY TO DAY SUPPORT BY THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR. FOR EXAMPLE, THE FORMER EMBASSY NARCOTICS
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COORDINATOR ASSISTED THE SWEDISH CUSTOMS SERVICE BY PROVIDING THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE NARRATION FOR A SWEDISH NARCOTICS TRAINING FILM, THUS STRENGTHENING THE ENTIRE USG RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS IMPORTANT GROUP OF DEA CONTACTS. THE EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY FACILIATED DEA CONTACT WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND ENCOURAGED HIM TO ACCEPT A DEA INVITATION TO VISIT THE USA THIS SUMMER AS A GUEST OF THE USG. HE HAS

ACCEPTED THE DEA INVITATION. THE EMBASSY INCLUDES IMPORTANT NARCOTICS CONTROL CONTACTS IN OFFICIAL RECEPTIONS AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE AS ONE INDICATION OF USG APPRECIATION FOR THEIR COOPERATIVE ATTITUDE.

3. THE GOS ITSELF HAS ADOPTED AN INCREASINGLY COOPERATIVE ROLE ON NARCOTICS CONTROL QUESTIONS IN RECENT YEARS, IN PART AT LEAST AT THE URGING OF THE EMBASSY. WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY'S SMOOTH WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH DEA HAS CONTRIBUTED SUBSTANTIALLY TO THE RELATIVE SUCCESS OF OUR OVERALL NARCOTICS CONTROL COLLABORATION WITH THE GOS.
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